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SUBJ: SOMALIA'S LITERACY CAMPAIGN AND SAND DUNE STABILIZATION
PROJECT

REF: A. MOG 0357; B. MOG 0382

1. VOA'S RECENT BROADCAST OF SOMALIA'S LITERACY CAMPAIGN (REF A) HAS HELPED GENERATE A MORE FAVORABLE SOMALI ATTITUDE TOWARD U.S. AS INDICATED BY AMBASSADOR KIRK'S RECENT COMPLIMENTS FROM VICE PRESIDENT SAMANTAR AND SEVERAL OTHER SENIOR GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS (REF B).

2. TO FURTHER CAPITALIZE ON THIS FAVORABLE CLIMATE THE PAO TALKED WITH THE CHIEF OF PROTOCOL WARSAMA IN OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT, ABOUT POSSIBILITY OF PUBLICIZING THE LITERACY CAMPAIGN AND THE SAND DUNE STABILIZATION PROJECT IN TOPIC MAGAZINE IF PRESIDENT SIYAD WOULD AGREE. WARSAMA BROUGHT BACK WORD THAT PRESIDENT SIYAD WAS MOST RECEPTIVE TO THE IDEA AMBASSADOR ADDOU, IN SOMALIA ON CONSULTATION, TOLD US HE THINKS THE TOPIC IDEA WOULD DEFINITELY HELP IN IMPROVING U.S.-SOMALI RELATIONS.

3. AMBASSADOR KIRK AND COUNTRY TEAM ENDORSE THE IDEA.

4. BELIEVE BOTH SOMALI PROJECTS ARE EXCELLENT EXAMPLES OF AN
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AFRICAN COUNTRY'S EFFORTS TO HELP ITSELF IN TWO IMPORTANT AREAS

THE U.S. SHARES STRONG INTEREST IN NAMELY, EDUCATION AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL.

5. IF AGREED TO IN PRINCIPLE, THE USIS TRANSLATION OF PRESIDENT SIYAD'S SPEECH ON THE LITERACY CAMPAIGN (APPROXIMATELY 1630 WORDS), ALONG WITH SEVERAL PHOTOS COULD BE SENT IMMEDIATELY.

6. DETAILS OF THE SAND DUNE ARTICLE WHICH WOULD BE DONE UNDER USIS SUPERVISION BY OUR SOMALI TRANSLATOR, FORMER EDITOR OF DAWN, COULD BE SENT LATER.

7. PLEASE ADVISE SOONEST.
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